

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

JUAN C. MELGAR HERNANDEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

NIKITA BAKER, *et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-01663-LKG

Dated: July 23, 2025

ORDER

On May 23, 2025, the Petitioner, Juan C. Melgar Hernandez, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the above-captioned matter. ECF No. 1. On June 6, 2025, the Government filed a response in opposition to the petition and a motion to dismiss. ECF No. 12. On July 23, 2025, the Court held a hearing on the Petitioner's petition for a writ of habeas corpus and the Government's motion to dismiss. ECF No. 18.

For the reasons stated during the hearing, the Court:

- (1) **DENIES** the Government's motion to dismiss (ECF No. 12);
- (2) **HOLDS-in-ABEYANCE** the resolution of the Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus (ECF No. 1); and
- (3) **DIRECTS** the parties to adhere to the following schedule for their supplemental briefing on the issue of whether the Petitioner has shown that there is good reason to believe that there is no significant likelihood that the Petitioner will be removed from the United States in the reasonably foreseeable future:

Petitioner's supplemental brief

July 30, 2025

The Respondents' response in opposition
to the Petitioner's supplemental brief

August 6, 2025

Petitioner's reply brief

August 11, 2025

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Lydia Kay Griggsby
LYDIA KAY GRIGGSBY
United States District Judge